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SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS START PLAY TODAY FOR INDEPENDENT HONORS

By R. D. THOMAS.

Sandlot fans throughout the city are eagerly awaiting the umpire's call today of "Play ball!" Four games of interest to virtually every baseball fanatic in town are scheduled in the series for the independent championships of the city. Play will start at 5 o'clock.

With preliminary honors won after a month of battling in minor contests, the sectional champions today will engage in the first of the international games which will determine the city champions.

Over on Randie Field, at the east end of Pennsylvania avenue bridge, the Shamrocks and Winstons, two powerful sandlot combinations, will come to grips in the opener of the unlimited class sectional series in which three teams will take part. The Shamrocks will be the home team. Joe Handbice and Sutton will umpire.

Kids in Great Contest.
The Warwicks and Linworths will meet on the Union Station plaza in the first of a three-game series between the two for that terribly fought-for midget title.

Play in the finals of the junior class will start tomorrow. The Renrocs and Roamers will meet at Washington Barracks this afternoon to decide which is to compete with the Aztecs in the sectional series.

One of the three teams to take part in the unlimited class play-off also is undecided. The Gibraltars are to take on the Emeralds in section A of this class today, and a victory for the Gibs would give them the section championship. Should they lose, a tie for first place with the Westovers would result and a game to break the deadlock would be played tomorrow.

In this latter event, the schedule would be thrown back a day for the Winstons are scheduled tomorrow to meet the champions of Section A for the title of which the Gibraltars and Westovers are rivals.

Lots of Spirit.
Because of bitterness between the Gibraltars on one side and the Westovers and Emeralds on the other, today's clash between the Gibs and Emeralds should be a lively affair. The Westovers and their followers are expected to be there rooting for the Emeralds.

Rivaling the sectional games in the matter of interest is the scheduled scrap of the Renrocs and Roamers. The Roamer team is composed mostly of boys who played on the high school teams last spring. It is a fast and intelligent young outfit.

Little mention has been made of the Renrocs but this team has played a high brand of ball in the series and has an enviable record for the season. Playing for the most part teams of the unlimited class, the Renrocs during the season have won twenty-four games out of thirty-seven.

A Versatile Manager.
Walker M. Falls is manager of the team, a job he has held for three years, and is also its leading hitter. He has made 27 safeties in 123 times at bat this season for an average of .472. In addition he has pitched four games, winning three, and has performed in every position excepting behind the plate. Robert Barnes is the captain. He and Chick Schille, the regular catcher, are in the .400 class with the stick.

Shrimp Griffith, 112-pound right-hander, has won four of the Renrocs' five victories in the series. Carl Winn pitching the fifth. Jack Brinkman, all-high pitcher of Central, won five games without a loss for the Renrocs prior to the series. He was prevented from taking part in the title games by the death of his mother.

The Renrocs hail from the neighborhood of Sixth and B streets northeast.

The Potomac Lads display form in Philly races. Potomac Boat Club oarsmen are back today from the famous People's Regatta staged yesterday on the Schuylkill River at Philadelphia. The Georgetown oarsmen thoroughly vindicated themselves in their Labor Day efforts and quite made up for the backwash they took at Buffalo.

The Potomac lads grabbed a double win. The youngsters mostly high school oarsmen, took premier honors in the intermediate race, winning from New York A. C., by two lengths. Two hours later, seniors, they grabbed first honors in winning after a fifty-yard spurt from the Union Boat Club.

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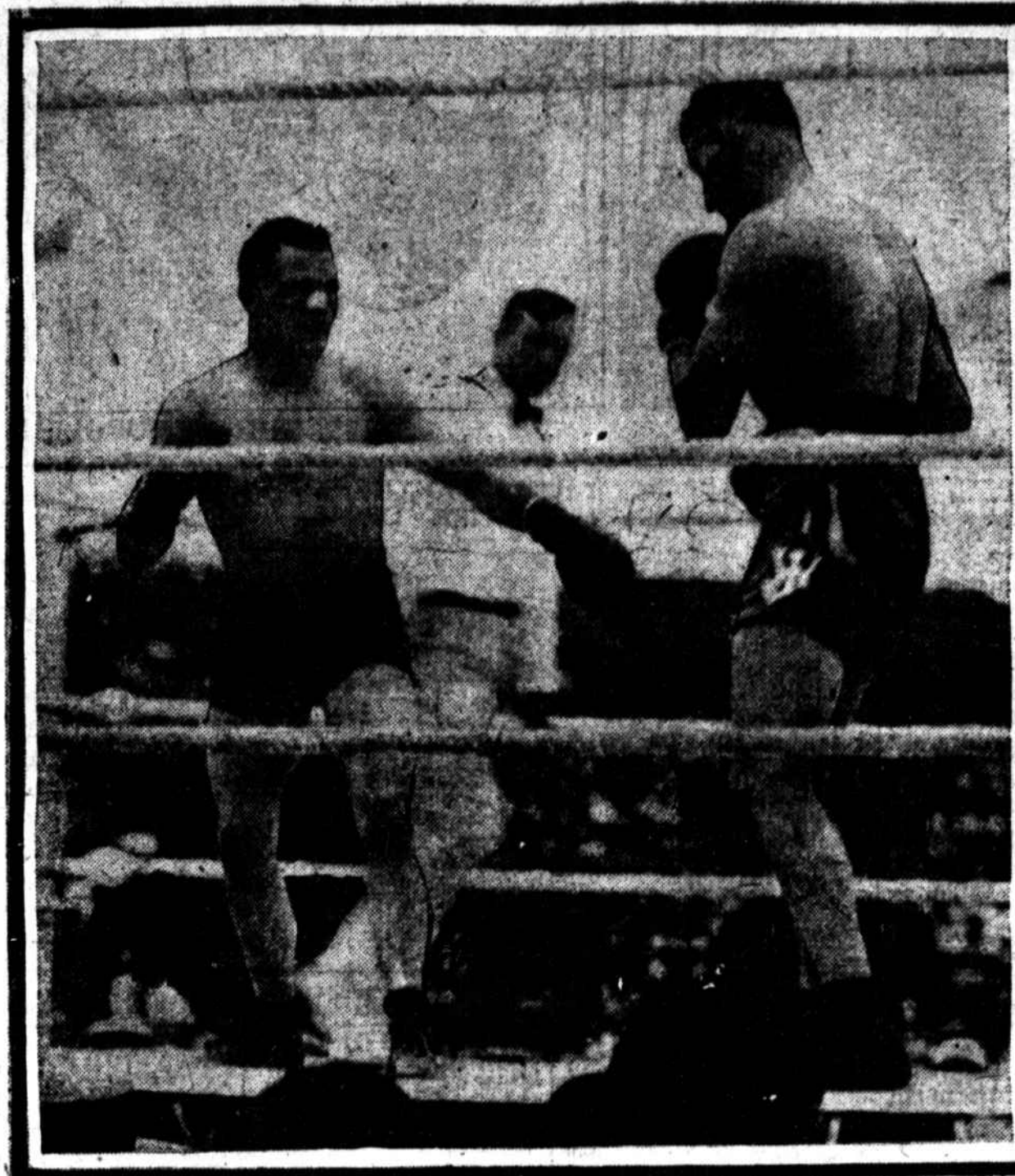
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When Johnny Wilson Met Bryan Downey for Middleweight Ring Title



In the upper left-hand picture Bryan Downey, on the left, is seen sparring for an opening in the second round of yesterday's unsatisfactory bout at Jersey City. The upper right-hand scene shows Wilson driving a right to Downey's face during a mixup in the third round. The lower picture on the right shows Downey driving Wilson to the ropes with a series of blows to the body during the sixth round. The bout went the full distance of twelve rounds and the boxers were booed on leaving the ring.

JOHNNY WILSON'S CROWN TILTED BY BRYAN DOWNEY

By JACK VIELOCK.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Johnny Wilson is still wearing the middleweight championship crown today, even though it is tilted at a precarious angle. The Charlestown claimant of a title made immortal by Fitzsimmons, Ketchel and Papke earned a draw with Bryan Downey at the end of twelve rounds in Tex Rickard's big pine saucer at Jersey City Labor Day, and the question of who's who remains unsettled.

The New Jersey boxing commission, meanwhile, is holding up Wilson's end of the money—\$35,000—until it investigates the efforts made by the champion. Wilson was ludicrous, it is true, but no more so than Downey. The bout was a farce, for the Ohioan is the personification of clumsiness.

Willing to Mix.
The only thing that can be said in Downey's favor is that he showed a willingness to mix it and tried hard to force the fight at times. Wilson, probably remembering the Cleveland bout, there could make a careful fight and depended mostly on countering Downey's clumsy swings had either landed or gone swishing by the mark, as they so often did. Just imagine twelve rounds of this sort of thing, punctuated by numerous clinches, and you have the story of the bout in tabloid form.

The middleweight division is indeed a huge, side-splitting joke if Wilson and Downey are to be recognized as the best men in it, and there are at least 35,000 metropolitan fight fans who will have other engagements any time this pair is rematched around New York.

Bout Was Wild Affair.
The bout was without a doubt the most thorough exhibition of incompetence, wild swinging, clumsy countering and sluggish ring generalship that has been seen around this neck of the woods for many a day. It went the limit and it was the limit.

Johnny Buff, the little flyweight champion, showed more ability as a boxer, a clean hitter and a ring general in five rounds against Indian Russell, a wild-eyed wild man from Harrisburg, Pa., than both Wilson and Downey exhibited in their whole twelve rounds and then had some spare. Buff knocked Russell for a star-gazing trip in the fifth and really earned the right to keep his Rickard belt, whereas Wilson retains his because Downey was unable to knock him out.

Independents Beaten.
The Spartan A. C. yesterday defeated the Independents, 5 to 3. The game was called at the end of the seventh frame. The Spartans would like to arrange a return game with the Independents, to be played on the Monument Lot.

Terminals to Meet.
Managers Jack Gavan, of the Terminal A. C. and Juniors, wants all members to be present at the meeting to be held in the clubhouse this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Candidates will be picked for the Terminal eleven.

Split Twin Bill.
The Washington Giants and Deanwood A. C. divided a double-header yesterday, the latter taking the opener, 10 to 9, and the former winning the nightcap, 12 to 5.

Royals Triumph.
The Royal A. C. defeated the White Haven aggregation in a closely contested game yesterday afternoon, 9 to 5.

Hillsdale Beaten.
Hillsdale A. C. players drew an 8-to-2 defeat from the Oriental Tigers yesterday.

Trims Indian Head.
Charlie Deck's clouting featured a 7-to-4 win for the Gibraltar A. C. over Indian Head yesterday.

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TEAMS RESUME TITULAR PLAY AFTER LAYOFF

Sections Start Up Again in Quest of District Baseball Assn. Championship.

By BRYAN MORSE.

District Baseball Association teams in Sections A and C start in merrily today in their titular battles right where they left off before the Labor Day holiday.

Upon the Union League Park field today the famous Elks baseball team, winners of so many games that Ed Neumeyer has lost count and the Zone 2 club, Navy Yard League titleholders, get together.

At Union Station the People's Drug Store, of the Merchants' League, sets itself up against the strong War Department club, the pennant winner in the classic Departmental League struggle.

Both games are expected to be quite up-to-snuff as sandlot baseball games go. As a matter of fact, the Elks, in the Section A game, and the Navy Yard, in the Section C contest, are about as strong as they make 'em in the city.

The Elks are being picked by the faithful as winners of the Section A flag, while the Navy Yard, on account of two snappy wins in Section C, are out in front.

Tomorrow at Union League Park Billy Barge will trot out his speedy Naval Air Station nine against the R. P. Andrews club. The last time the Andrews players got into the going they presented an unusually fast team. Manager Evans is expecting to get his gang together for tomorrow's fray.

War Department, expected to give the Navy Yard a run for the money in Section C, will stack up against the Fourth Surrender club tomorrow at Union Station.

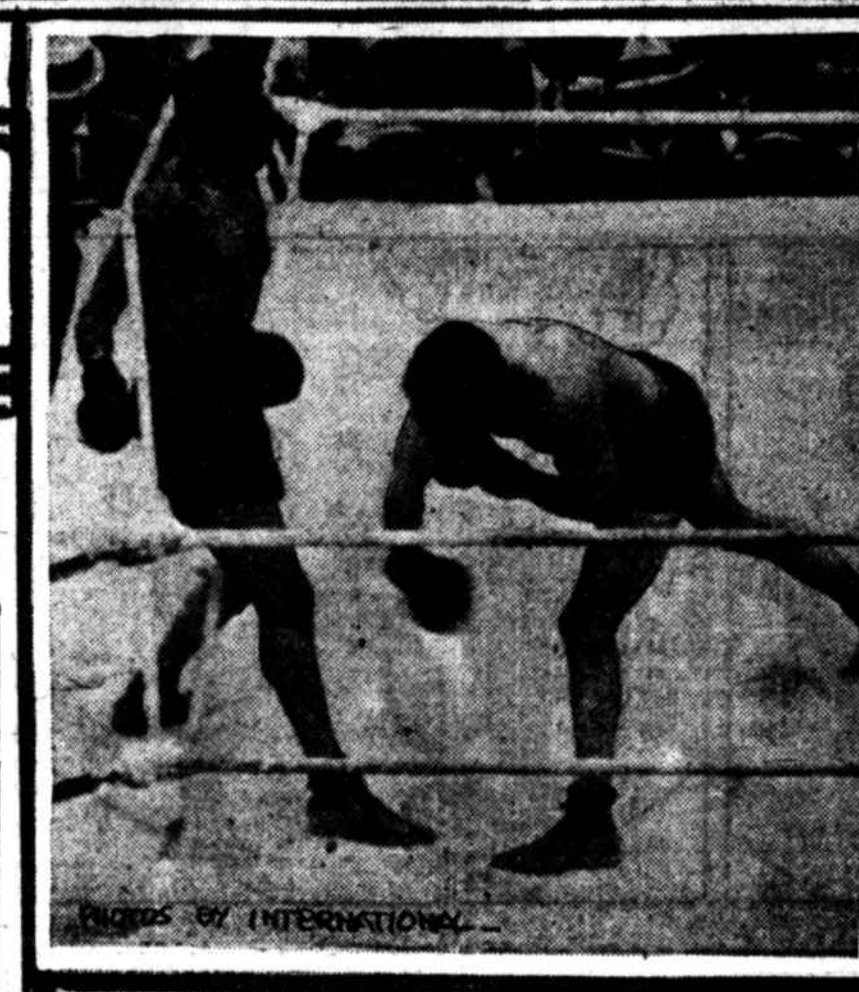
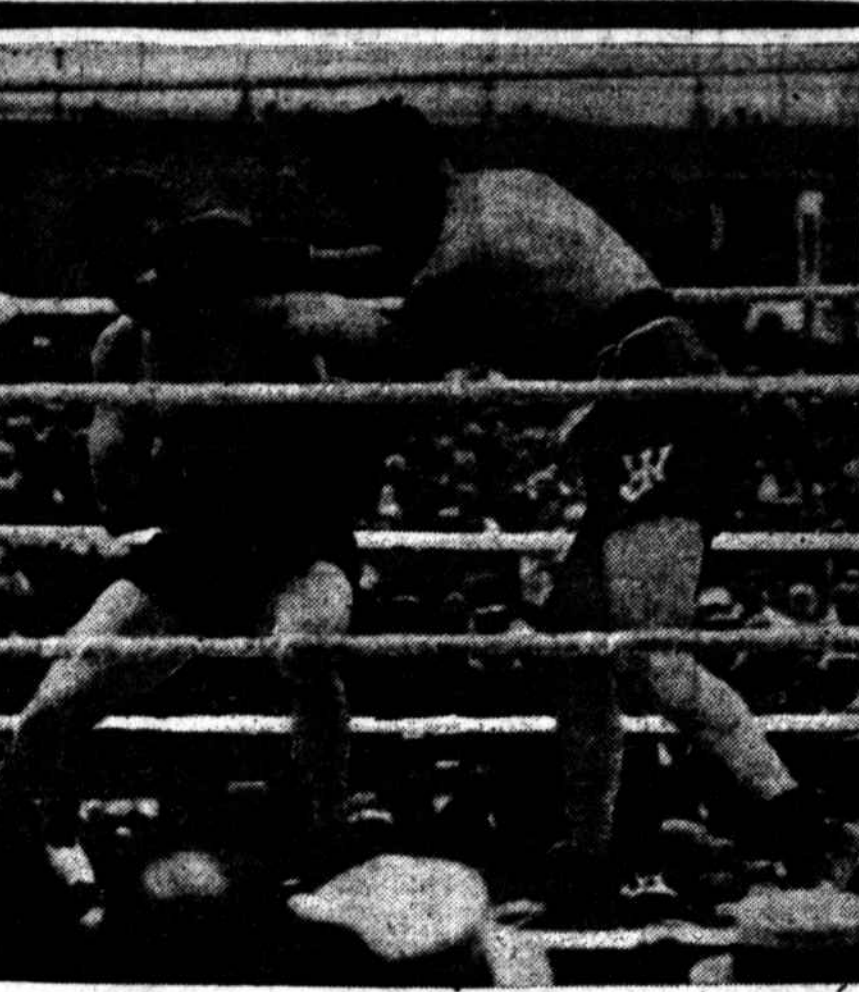
Tonight at Union Station, in the Terminal Railroad Y. M. C. A. rooms, the various District Baseball Association difficulties will be threshed out. Several postponed games are to be arranged, one protest is to be disposed of, and the question of the final series brought up.

The meeting is set for 7:30 p. m., and all managers and presidents are expected to be on hand.

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HOME DEFENSE PLAYERS HAND LICKING TO COPS

The Home Defense League baseball players with first-class twirling by Hoffman, scored a 3-to-2 win over the Metropolitan Police nine in yesterday's feature game of the day.

Finney Kelley, pitching for the cops, got a bad fielding break which caused his downfall. The Home Defense players got nine safeties off Kelley, while the cops could get but six off Hoffman's hurling.

The police players made a game rally in the ninth, but failed to come through. The Home Defense League now have the edge in seven games played.

Wins Double Bill.
Le Droit Tigers defeated Piedmont A. C. by 5 to 1 and 8 to 1 yesterday.

SMITH SETS RECORD FOR EXTRA BASE HITS

CLEVELAND, Sept. 6.—Elmer Smith, Cleveland right fielder, has established a new major league batting record.

Starting Sunday at Detroit, Smith made seven consecutive extra-base hits for a total of twenty-two bases, and was robbed of another when Williams made a sensational catch of his sacrifice fly in yesterday's afternoon game with St. Louis. His batting accounted for twelve runs. Four of Smith's hits were home runs, three coming in succession. The others were doubles, one of which barely missed clearing the right field wall. In addition, Smith received four bases on balls, three being intentional. His batting average yesterday was perfect.

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BROOKMONT TEAM WINS THREE OUT OF FOUR
Brookmont A. C. won three of four games played during the holidays, beating Naval Hospital 6 to 4; Berwyn, 10 to 6, and Arlington, 9 to 5, and losing to Bethesda, 6 to 4.

Brookmont will hold a football meeting tomorrow night at 8:00 Q street northwest. All candidates are requested to attend.

Says "SKILLET"

Finn, Esq.

Labor Day Would Have Been Success If Few More Had Found Something To Do

By SKILLET FINN.

(Betting for Kirk Miller.)
LABOR DAY slunk past without anybody findin' any.

They is three folks for every job in the universe.

So, to make the stuporiness notorious, they knocked off a labor celebration which everybody was too busy huntin' work to attend.

The most impressive observation of the hump-backed holiday was conducted at Mingo, where obsequies were held over several thousand miners who are too busy objecting to work to do any.

Life is very dull sometimes up there in the sticks, and they break the monotony by tearing off a civil war.

Should be called uncivil war.

West Virginia is an amateur State. Every thing up there grows long and mean and tough.

When the neighbors get ready to oil up the town, do they stage a lawn fete? They do not.

SHERIFF GETS WARNING TO LEAVE TOWN.

They send word to the sheriff to leave town as a rampage is about to start. Everybody who goes, carries a cowhide. Same being a whip with which the native shepherds hank the sheep into submission when they ferociously attack the keeper as he feeds them malted milk out of a baby's bottle.

The miners are not sure what they're fighting the policemen for. Probably it's just because they are policemen. That is excuse enough for anything in Logan county where the worst citizens of the country are grown and then sent out into the world to be retailed at the market price.

The hotel register at Leavenworth reveals the unimportant news that half of the guests in the hostelry are traveling salesmen from West Virginia and environs.

CHILDREN SING BASS IN THE CHURCH CHOIR.
The children grow up so rough and unkempt that they are too uncivilized to get along peacefully with tame people. When they go out into the world to live among human beings, they don't get much farther than the nearest penitentiary across the State boundary.

Mingo is a quiet little boiling pot situated in the middle of West Virginia's largest volcano. When the town isn't actually on fire it's because everything there has been burned off until there is something new built to raise.

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